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PRESS CENSORSHIP.

We read almost daily of the strict press censorship that is exercised in the Philippines by the United States Government, and in the Transvaal by the English authorities. We do not have to go quite so far as South Africa or the Philippines either to find a press censorship that is not only strict but despotic.

For some time the several Council committees and boards of the city of Norfolk have been holding frequent meetings, but the public and the press have been kept absolutely from the knowledge of the nature of the business transacted at many of them. The representative of a newspaper, when he asks for information concerning the proceedings, is met with the curt reply: "Nothing for publication."

If the Water Board has been unjustly dealt with, as they claim, in the matter of contract for water in the City Park with the Norfolk County Water Company, they have only to blame their method of absolute secrecy which has prevailed until yesterday in reference to this matter. Secret meetings of public servants do not tend to elevate them in the opinion of people, and until they conclude to deal openly and frankly with the public they must expect to be misunderstood and distrusted.

THE ISSUE IS NOT EXPANSION, BUT CONQUEST.

Mr. Thom, and other Democrats with Republican principles and policies, are very fond of disguising the ruthless seizure of the Philippines, the slaughter of their inhabitants, and the faithless assault upon liberty and independence, as a mere question of territorial expansion and commercial extension. "Convey, the wise it call;"—but it is stealing, for all that. The suspicion is strong among faithful Democrats that this profession of expansion among alleged Democrats is but a pretext to cover a secret tendency toward gold and the Republican party. No true Democrat, filled with the spirit of Thomas Jefferson, could be taught by Hanna and McKinley that subjugation and conquest, "forcible annexation" and "criminal aggression," were but the proper and natural extension of our borders, as in the peaceful acquisition of Louisiana and other adjoining territory. There must be an inherent repugnance to human rights in men who, born in America and Virginia, can recognize the sale of the Philippines and their civilized and Christian inhabitants by Spain to the United States as valid; who can see honor and dignity in repudiating all American principles and all the expressed and implied obligations to brave allies against Spain; and who can shout to "uphold the flag" which was so unjustly and unnaturally raised in brutal battle against men endeavoring to establish a Republican self-government of their own, in accordance with all the doctrines of American freedom and independence. Mala fides—the worst bad faith—characterized every step of McKinley and his party to raise a false claim over men who by every rule, ancient and modern, even had they been slaves, would have earned their liberty by fighting for their country. We need not argue the proclaimed purpose of our war with the only enemy, Spain; the resolutions of Congress; our history and our Republican government and principles: if the plain and notorious facts are not sufficient to make a case impregnable strong against this ad-

ministration, on every just view, then justice has fled from men to brutish beasts. It is incredible that a lawyer and a Democrat has no case against this Republican and inhuman policy in the East. That it is a commercial venture makes it all the more culpable, or thieves, robbers, marauders and murderers have a good defence in the swag and loot they may acquire.

When the ablest and purest of Republicans are disavowing McKinley and his administration on this very point, and pledging themselves to use all their power and influence to defeat McKinley and all who favor the war upon the Filipinos, native free men, seeking to make a self-governing Republic on their own soil, it is remarkably strange that a Democrat can be found, eagerly defending it as "expansion" and as the duty of patriotism to maintain the flag. Another "lost leader"—for gold!

"Blot out his name, then—record one lost soul more. One task more declined, one more foot-path untrod. One more triumph for devils, and sorrow for angels. One wrong more to man, one more insult to God."

Let our poor tribute of silver and copper cease. He can be content with nothing less than gold!

JUST ANOTHER DODGE.

This is no Martin-Tyler fight, and the machine might as well come right down out of that tree, for it is entirely within range.

The trouncing our good friend, the Hon. Richard A. Boykin, got in Isle of Wight the other day was not by Tyler men alone. It was by DEMOCRATS generally. Mark that, and do not let it again escape you. It is by Democrats that the machine is going to be wiped off of the earth here in this city;—Democrats, who do not wink at official partiality in favor of any Democratic candidate. The very leader of this movement is a Martin man and a friend of that gentleman; but he is a DEMOCRAT first, and stands upon that solid rock that knows no shaking. "Justice to every candidate before the people."

THE PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO A FAIR CHANCE TO VOTE FOR AND SELECT THEIR CANDIDATES. This thing of farming out offices is going to be a sad disappointment. The machine may promise an office, but it must reckon with the people before it is delivered.

The people want justice, and are determined that no man, or set of men, shall dictate who shall have a certain office, and who shall not.

THIS IS A FIGHT FOR THE SUPREMACY OF THE PEOPLE, GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND THE RIGHT MEN IN OFFICE.

AN APOLOGY DEMANDED.

With a patience of sublimeness unequalled, and fortitude as boundless as one desires a city salary, we have heard the base reports circulated about this city, that some leaders of the Democratic party, who are appointed to teach "regularity," "consistency" and faithfulness to the party, not only bolted the party at the last Presidential election, but more, they contributed dollars and the sound of their melodious voices!

How such a base report could have originated is beyond the understanding of any reasonable man. That any teacher of regularity could, or would, now be engaged by the "machine" as a "whipper-in" can not be believed.

The men who lead the party voted for the Democratic ticket, and stood by it! Of course they did, and if persons insist they bolted the ticket, those persons must apologize for their temerity.

Altogether, our Kentucky brethren have had some very impressive political lessons of late, and it is to be hoped they will profit by them.—Organization Organ.

The Virginia organization of the Democratic party should study hard the lessons it must learn in time, or suffer for the neglect. Maryland, in 1895 and Kentucky in 1899 are but illustrations of the difficulties that beset the dailards who fail to profit by the primary schooling Virginia has just given.

Marcus Aurelius Hanna will, it is semi-officially announced, again manage the Republican campaign in 1900. He evidently believes in the old Eastern maxim that an elephant can best be handled by its regular driver.

The trouble in Isle of Wight has been located. It was all a horrible mistake. The people did not know that the Executive Committee has pronounced Boykin THE candidate.

Stand by the party. All good citizens should organize and free themselves of bossism, whether in their favor or not.

The story of that Legislative Convention would make interesting reading.

We want everybody to turn out to the primary.

Who is it? The people or the office-holders!

Well, say, what's the Executive Committee for anyway?

It's a little hot, but you'll have to lie on the bed you made.

REFORM BEGINS AT HOME.

Like charity, reform begins at home. We know the wrongs and evils that afflict us, and we know their authors. We may not know exactly how to deal with them, nor may we, at first, be strong enough to accomplish the necessary work of reform; but capacity comes with effort, and trial shows the way. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Before the days of percussion caps and shells, many a flash in the pan was followed by a shot that "took the meat." The hunter's motto was, "Pick your flint and try again."

We know what's the matter in Norfolk. Certain gentlemen have taken advantage of our devotion to Democracy, our hate of Republicanism and our fear of negro rule. They have neither the devotion, nor the hate, nor the fear; but they are cunning to make their profit of them. They take the offices, the jobs, the honor, profit and trust, and permit us to vote for them and their men. They apportion all things to suit themselves, or their boss, and then call us in to go through the forms of law. "The organization is everything," for they are the organization; the people are nothing, for we are but the naughts that give power to the real figures, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and so on, raising them to high consideration while we practically efface ourselves, in their names.

The fact is that these gentlemen have been "too long in service," they know too much; they are entirely too smart; they have got "too big for their breeches;" their suspenders are buckled so high that they have to straddle; and they have so long overlooked all principles that they do not know the difference between Republicanism and Democracy; but they have keen eyes and ears for the color and chink of gold. "The money there is in it" is their principle and principal, and they spell it indifferently either way, as it means the same to them both ways. Democracy and the people still have some offices and pickings for earnest seekers in Virginia, and so they are "Democrats" for these, provided they have them all, or all that they are worth in power, trade, or pelf. But Democracy and Virginia and her people are bankrupt in Federal politics. They even clamor for silver when there is gold to be got, worth sixteen times, at least, the inferior metal! The Republicans are the thrifty fellows, and they go for gold and imperial expansion at the expense of the blood and possessions of the Filipinos, who are a feeble people, though lately our allies against Spanish tyranny.

"What of it?" say our Home Rulers. "We can be Democrats for all it is worth in State politics, and Republicans in National politics! That is a carpet-bagger inspiration of the days when we professed loathing of Republicanism in every shape and form; but we have about squeezed that orange dry; and if we can edge off for gold and expansion, we may gradually return to Clevelandism, between which and this Hanna-Republicanism there is only the difference twixt tweedledum and tweedledee; and in due time next year, by our Martin methods, we'll go to the National convention against silver and Bryan, in the name of the Democratic party of Virginia!" That is the program. Shall it be carried out here, Norfolk Democrats?

We wonder if that cloud of blacks seen in Isle of Wight on election day had a silver lining.

Such persons as were promised office by the "machine" will kindly send in their names.

Some old and familiar names will be kindly tendered the people by the machine as candidates.

Now for a grand chorus: "We favored a primary!"

NOTES AND OPINIONS.

AWAY WITH THEM
(Charlotte, N. C., Observer.)

The result of last Tuesday's election in Virginia, we are told, insures the reelection of Senator Martin. And this is another thing for nobody excepting himself to be very proud of. Mr. Martin is another one of those gentlemen if we have read the papers correctly, who is a sound money man in head and heart and who laughs about 16 to 1 in private but speaks and votes for it in public. Away with the whole brood of them.

THE MACHINE.

(Danville, Va., Daily Bee.)
The "dimmycrats" must get a hustle if they expect to carry things in this country hereafter. The independents and the prohibitionists are letting folks know that they are here.

The idea that a crowd of men—numbering maybe a half dozen—can longer map out the politics of this country has become an absurdity. The day has passed. There is now being organized a reform league which will have its say next time. Many of those those who will join it, cautioned time when it was proposed last spring. It was claimed that the senatorial fight was on, and that it had been the custom to elect senators in the good old way—but now the Machine will be invited to come off the perch. The wild dream of men who expect to be governor and congressman are dissolving. The people are going to run things to suit themselves—and the Machinists will be asked to stand aside for a time. And this is well. The Machine has had its day—and now good democrats of Danville say that they propose to see that the Machine is kept out.

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